

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2023

This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers. President Charlene Mancuso, presided.

Council President Mancuso

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Good evening and welcome to the Euclid City Council meeting on this Monday, February 6. If able, please rise and join me in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Thank you. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll?

Clerk Laboda

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Tanner, here. Tolton, here. Epps, here. Jarosz, here. Hannum, here. Wojtila, here. Jukic, here. Steele, here. Mancuso, here.

Council President Mancuso

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Do we have any **Communications**?

Clerk Laboda

0:54

We have no communications.

Council President Mancuso
Okay. **Council Minutes**?

Clerk Laboda

January 17, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:01

And we will turn this over to Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:05

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to approve. Council minutes from January 17, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:12

We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second? So moved by

Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We'll now go on to **Administrative Reports and Communications**. Mayor.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

1:21

Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening, everyone. A couple of thank you's and a couple of announcements. I would like to thank Shoreview Elementary for inviting us to come be mystery readers. And Chief Meier and Captain Holden and Captain Hauser and Director Grogan-Meyer, Councilwoman Hannum, I know, and I think a few other mystery readers got to go enjoy. It was a lot of fun. And I thank Shoreview Elementary for the invitation. If you have not had a chance, I would invite everyone to look at the Historical Museum's new exhibit in City Hall lobby. If you remember their first exhibit was about the zoning case, the historic zoning case in Euclid. Now this display is about the history of our fire department. So please take some time and look at the artifacts there. And hopefully it will spur, spur some interest in visiting the whole museum up on North Street. They have a lot of wonderful things to show of the history of Euclid.

I'd like to thank the residents who came out to the community meeting regarding upland Sims Park, we had a good turnout and some good discussion. There is information on the city website about that project under active projects. And if anyone would like to learn more or give more feedback, Christine McIntosh is working on that.

I would invite anyone especially those 18 and under to help celebrate, celebrate Village of Healings first anniversary. They have a couple of events, but one is this Saturday. It is rolling with the village, which is at Miggs Play Mor rollerskating so it's a roller skating party this Saturday February 11. From one to four guests under 18, first 100 guests under 18 will be free. Youth do need to be accompanied by an adult. Village of Healing is celebrating their first year of operation here in Euclid. They're also having another fundraiser a little bit later in the year. But this one's right here in Euclid and a good way to support their efforts here.

The Lake Erie Folk Fest will be this Saturday, at Shore Cultural Centre at 291 East 222nd Street from one to six. There's free workshops, jam sessions and different music activities. And then at 7:30 is their evening concert. There is a

ticket price for the concert in the evening. But the daytime activities are free and open to anybody. So we encourage everyone to check that out. Budget Hearings will be coming up beginning this Wednesday. And then next Monday, the 13th and Wednesday the 15th 6:30pm here. Look forward to those discussions with Council. Thank you to those council members who already have reached out with questions. Don't hesitate. If you do have questions before, we're happy to discuss that with you or look forward to discussing it through the hearings.

Just a reminder, City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of Presidents Day. So that means the council meeting that week will also be the day later, Tuesday, February 21. And as a reminder, I will be presenting my State of the City address tonight at the end of the meeting. But I also would invite anyone who would like to join us I will be presenting it to the Chamber of Commerce as well on Friday, February 24. At their 11:30 or 12 o'clock lunchtime meeting that'll be at Signature Events, which is the new name of Tizzano's. And Captain Holden has some announcements to share as well.

Police Captain Holden

5:03

That's a long reach. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, city council and members of the community. I am pleased to share with you a couple upcoming events that the police department are associated with. To reiterate one of the events being Rolling with the Village. So that is Saturday, September 4, I'm sorry, February 11. From 1 to 4pm. And community response officers will be skating at this family friendly event. Admission is free for the first 100 children who must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Additionally, we will be having roller skating Wednesday, February 15, from 6 to 8pm at United States of American, Wickliffe on Euclid Avenue. And at that event, community response officers will be skating at this event that will focus on children with disabilities, autism or special needs to make this skating event friendly and accommodating for them. And lastly, Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for Friday, February 24, from 9 to 11am at Maria's family restaurant on Lakeshore Boulevard. So please join Euclid Police at this monthly coffee and conversation event. There's no agenda just a meet and greet. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

6:16

Thank you, Captain Holden and Madam Chair that completes our reports this evening.

Council President Mancuso

6:21

Thank you very much. We will now go on to our **Committee Reports**. And we did have a work session on January 17. It was part of our financial update. educational sessions all committee members were present. We

reviewed our receipts and disbursements for 2022 and did comparisons to our 2021. And we collected in 2022 \$52,171,138, which is an 11% increase in 2022. Net Profit taxes are increased over last year at the same time, withholding income tax comparison is increased through November 2022. And I read a collected income tax was \$26,754,096 for 2022. Without the December numbers yet, that's a 7.76 increase over the 2022 projections and a variance of \$2,076,775 which is a 14.12% over our 2021 collections. We also had a discussion about how we're handling our delinquent accounts. As many know we have split our accounts between welcome who have used for a long time legal firm, and we now have our tax department who is also working on that, as these were all informational. There was no action that was taken at that time, and we will now go to Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

7:51

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to approve the Board of Control minutes from January 17, 2023, January 23, 2023, along with the Council Work Session of January 17, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

8:04

Thank you we have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second? So moved by Councilman Jarosz.
All in favor, "Aye."

We are now at the point where we'll have the **Committee of the Whole** for **Legislative Matters only**. Anyone which wishing to speak to anything on the agenda tonight, please come to the podium, state your name and address and try to keep your comments to five minutes. Seeing none, we will then go on with our legislative agenda. Madam Clerk, please read the first agenda item into the record.

LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

8:37

Ordinance 011-23. An emergency ordinance authorizing a rate increase on ambulance billing services on the current contract that the city has with lifeforce.

Council President Mancuso

8:52

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Steele, second by Councilman Tolton.
All in favor, "Aye."
And we will go to Chief Haddock.

Fire Chief Haddock

9:02

Thank you, Madam Chair, members of council and those watching. In 1990, Euclid City Council passed legislation that allowed the city to bill for services that were provided by the Euclid Fire Department, ambulance services that was done in-house until 2014. Then we switched over to Life Force Management, a third party company to do this. Let me explain a bit how this ambulance billing works. So when you talk about the services that the ambulance provides, if you take a look at your sheets there there's four different rates I believe that are that are on there, but BLS ALS, ALS 2, non transport. So basically, if the ambulance would show up to someone's home, and let's say they twisted their ankle, it's swelled up really big, they can't walk and they want to go to the hospital so we'll take them to the hospital with that. And this would allow the the ambulance billing company to bill the insurance company or Medicaid and Medicare for that transport. As you start to look at those other calls ALS, one can be something like an example of maybe a diabetic at home, somebody they're at home, they're becoming unconscious, someone calls, we come there we give them, give them some D50, perks them up, they still want to go to the hospital, we take them to the hospital. There's there's services that are involved there, there's meds that are involved. So we'll we'll you know, there's a different rate for that. Again, it's the patient's ambulance, the patient's insurance company, or their Medicaid or Medicare, if they are Euclid residents, are what's getting billed, the patient's not getting a bill themselves, unless they are a non-resident. Non residents will get billed for the, if they have insurance, whatever portion that's paid by the insurance, then they're responsible for the other part of that. And then that last example, could be something like, you know, God forbid, where we have to put the heart monitor on and do all kinds of stuff like that, that would be an ALS 2. So that's kind of the breakdown between the different rates, and how the billing works. So tonight is about adjusting those rates. Life Force does audits and take a look at the national standards for what they feel that you should be charging for that. They are going to, they, that recommendation is on there. It's tonight is not about renewing the contract. It's simply because that contract runs I think until November. So it's about adjusting the rates to fit that. We do trust Life Force in their opinion for what they think these new rates should be. And again, Euclid residents will not see a difference in that that rate. One thing that is different on this that we we have not done in the past. And that's to charge for non transports, an example, So out of 10,000 in 2021, I'm sure the numbers are about the same. We ran on 10,000 EMS calls. And of those EMS calls, we went on 3000 No transports, an example that non transport, I'll go back to that diabetic patient. So you get this diabetic patient that there, somebody calls because they're become unresponsive, we get there, we're going to do the workup on them do everything. They tell us that they're a diabetic we check their blood sugar's low, we give them the D50. They wake up, they're completely with it. And they don't want to go to the hospital. I said, you know, this has happened before, I'm sorry. So they

don't need to go to the hospital. They don't want to go to the hospital. But now we'll be able to bill them bill the insurance company, or Medicaid or Medicare for that call. And I think it's \$300 is is what they are offering to do. Another line with the which is something new, we're dealing with the non transports. And I don't know how this was going to work with billing. Council President was asking me before the meeting, so that St. The Euclid fire department and the Cleveland Clinic have joined forces to do a telehealth program. We're going to pilot it for a year. And basically an example of how this is going to work. Let's say we get a patient that has flu like symptoms or maybe exhibiting signs of COVID. So we would get called to, that they call us, you know, quite a bit. So we go there and we get there and say I've got a fever, I don't feel good. It's this has been going on for some time. We'll check their vitals but now we'll take an iPad. And with the telehealth Doc's that are in this program, queue them up, they're going to be on the screen and we'll be able to interact with the doc that's on the on the iPad. And also with the crews that are there, that Doc may determine you do not need to go to the hospital. And what I'm going to do is I'm going to write your prescription. And there's, you know, you can go home, it'll give instructions and orders and then they can they can do that without having to go to the hospital. A big problem that we're seeing right now we're not seeing it at Euclid hospital, thank goodness, but we are seeing it at Lake West, we're seeing it at Hillcrest, our turnaround times of over, we're with the patient for over two hours to three hours. So someone's calling for that same exact call someone's calling for feeling ill, say flu like symptoms. They're calling for flu like symptoms, we pick them up, we transport them, there's not a bed available for them in emergency department. And due to laws, it's abandonment if we would leave them there. We have to stay there with the patient on the stretcher. And that units out of service for up to two hours. So the, one of the ideas that the hospitals are seeing the benefit or pilotng in the benefit of treating that patient there. So maybe we're spending more time on the street where you know, who knows, again, we're piloting it. But I would imagine if you're adding 10 minutes at a time on a non critical patient, this flu like patient, flu like symptom patient, that they're getting that assessment, so you're spending 10 to 15 minutes getting assessed at their home and then not going to the hospital as opposed to going to the home and being or going to the hospital and being held up for three, four hours. So, tonight's not about the telehealth, but I just kind of wanted to introduce that concept with it. These funds go into the general fund. Again, you know, everybody's pulling from that. And our ambulances are something we take out of that. That's why I think I believe we've replaced, in the last nine years, we've replaced six ambulances. They get about five years the way we use them. And then after that, there, you get about two in reserve. Another thing that I want to touch on is the Medicaid. So when you talk about Medicaid and Medicare, the city of Euclid our we're pretty high with this. So our database of the of the patients that are getting billed 45% of our of our patients that we're getting money from our Medicare and 33 are Medicaid. And the reimbursement for both of those is significantly lower than what were these billing rates that are here. So there's actually an audit going on this year that we're there. They want to know every single thing that's going into the ambulance service. And the hope is it's not going to happen. It's going to go through this year that maybe within two

years, hopefully, there'll be a significant readjustment for the reimbursement rates for Medicaid and Medicare. So talked a lot. That's all I have for now. Anybody have any questions?

Council President Mancuso

16:16

Council members? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

16:19

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Chief for that explanation. Is Cleveland Clinic partnering with any other suburbs or cities that you're aware of on the pilot program for telehealth?

Fire Chief Haddock

16:30

Yes. So it's to the Councilman, there's Medina County. And Akron is doing something similar. I'm not sure if it's with if it's with the Cleveland Clinic. They do this out of state, and it's done in in Florida quite a bit. So it doesn't seem like, there's really no risk involved with this. And again, we can terminate it earlier if if something's going sideways with it, but I don't, I see this as a good thing.

Council President Mancuso

16:59

Thank you. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

17:00

Thank you, Madam Chair. Chief, please explain to me, are you saying that once you take a pay, a patient to the hospital, you cannot leave until the hospital checks them in and literally takes responsibility for them?

Fire Chief Haddock

17:16

Madam Chair to the Councilman, that's correct. That's a, it's called abandonment if we would leave them there. And there's there's, it's a problem right now, and luckily Euclid hospital's been really good with it. We've had an issue. But you can imagine when when University Hospital Richmond closed down. So guess what happened? We personally take about 2400 calls that EMS patients a year. So where are those 2400 patients going? Well, I guess half of them are going over here. And that half are going to Lake West. Well, Lake West wasn't ready for that influx. And we're not the only ones that transported to Richmond. You had Willoughby hills, Richmond heights,

so there's a lot of other and again, then you had the nursing shortage because people with the COVID, they quit and had enough of it. So there's there's a lot going on right now. But we've been weathering the storm. We've made it through, you know, mostly through winter.

Council President Mancuso

18:09

Thank you. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

18:12

Thank you, Madam Chair. One quick question, Chief Haddock. If the patient has no insurance at all, are they billed or the city is billed for that transport?

Fire Chief Haddock

18:22

Madam Chair to the Councilman, Euclid resident is not billed. So, and they'll do that through the hospital, so they get the information. I don't want to get into tell too much. But they'll go, they'll go through the hospital information. And if they do not have insurance, they do not get a bill but a non-resident will.

Council President Mancuso

18:43

Other questions? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

18:48

Thank you, just to finish off from that, they're not billed directly unless they have insurance. And then the insurance company is still billed for this, right? Is what you're saying.

Fire Chief Haddock

18:58

Madam Chair to the Councilman, the resident is not billed directly, the insurance company or Medicaid, Medicare is.

Councilman Epps

19:04

and then any just basically, they're eating it if not, (right.) Okay.

Council President Mancuso

19:09

Any other questions? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilman Tanner.

All in favor, "Aye."

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilwoman, Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One

Madam Clerk, please call the roll and the merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

19:37

Tolton Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

19:48

Thank you, Madam Clerk, please read the second agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

19:53

Resolution 012-23. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a renewal of the lease agreement with Friends of the Henn Mansion, Inc, for the use of Henn Mansion located at Sims Park, at 23131 Lakeshore Boulevard in Euclid, for a period of five years, with an option to renew for an additional five years.

Council President Mancuso

20:21

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilwoman Steele, second by Councilman Tanner, all in favor, and we will go to Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

20:31

Thank you, Madam Chair. Council, this resolution would authorize us to renew the lease with Friends of the Henn Mansion. A little history Friends of the Henn Mansion formed in 1996. Beginning in 1997, the city began leasing the building, it is a city owned building, to the Friends of the Henn Mansion,

and they have been responsible for managing the building, improving the building and doing all of the capital improvements. I think they're a great example of residents taking action, and working hard to save a city asset. This most recent lease was from 2012, it had a five year term, and then a five year renewal which was taken and so this is at the same terms \$12 per year. And the Friends of the Henn is a volunteer organization. They're overseen by a 501C3 board. They have been fairly dormant during the pandemic, but are now getting back to functioning and renting out the building. They are actively looking for new board members and I think have received a pretty good response from their announcement at the last Council meeting and in the observer. So if anyone is watching and interested, the Friends of the Henn is looking for new board members. But council, I'm happy to answer any questions. It really has. I think they've done a great job. They've been good stewards of the building. Certainly have improved the building quite a bit over the last 25 years. 25 years. So happy to answer any questions.

Council President Mancuso

22:13

Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

22:17

Madam Chair, sorry, Mayor Gail, could you give a little history of how that actually came about for the residents that are not familiar with Friends of the Henn.

Mayor Gail

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So I'm not sure how far back, the Henn Mansion was the original home to Albert Henn, who was I think, AM manufacturer, no, Acme Manufacturing, he owned the whole park and the mansion, it was his family home. He lost it during the Depression, but worked out a deal, at the time, with the city to donate the property and the building to the city. But they allowed him to live in it until he passed away. I don't know what year that was. The city operated the city use the building, I believe, is office space. I think the rec department was located there at one point, but it was not being maintained well. And so I think in the mid 90s, the Mayor at the time had proposed tearing the building down, residents became active, that was like 96, probably 97. The residents formed a nonprofit organization asked for, you know, can you can we have the building? Can we fix it up and improve it, it's been added to the National Registry of Historic Places. And it operates as a community building, rented out through Friends of the Henn for private events and activities. We use it to host city events there periodically. But they really have, on their own, through donations, through grants, brought the building up to standards, fixed it and really made it a showcase for the city. So I don't know if that answers what you're looking for.

Councilwoman Steele

24:09

Oh, yes, that Thank you. Thank you so much for explaining that. I want you to go into detail about it because I been living here for many, many years and didn't know actually the actual history of it and how rich in history it is. And for those who are watching, that building is beautiful. If you if you when it gets opened, maybe just asked to look at it go inside and see it's gorgeous and they've done a wonderful job with maintaining it and also just to piggyback on it. That building is very old. So it has to be maintained. If not, as you know, if anyone who's in construction knows, if that if a window gets broken or anything like that, because of the structure. It takes time and energy to buy the the job parts for that building. So keep in mind when we vote on this, how important it is to our city. That's all I wanted to say thank you.

Council President Mancuso

25:10

Thank you. Other questions? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

25:14

Thank you to Mayor Gail or to the Finance Director. They Is there any subsidy that we give it all? I know, you mentioned that they do a lot of fundraising through donors and stuff through their organization. But is there any subsidy that we...

Mayor Gail

25:30

So we do, Councilman Epps, trying to think how long ago there was legislation passed, that authorizes up to \$20,000 a year to match up to half of what Friends of the Henn raise towards capital improvements. So there's a formula that takes out certain administrative costs and administrative stuff, but the city does reimburse or give them a grant of half of what they've been able to raise, private contributions or donations up to \$20,000. So they have not requested that since 2020. But it's ranged in the amount from 10,000 to 13,000, at least from 17-18-19, and 20.

Councilman Epps

26:16

And asking this question because we want to make sure that we've seen this happen, especially with now knowing, which I didn't know, that it wasn't part of the national registry for historic buildings. But when it comes to maintenance, so they haven't requested this subsidy for the grants since 2020. Are they not? Is it because they aren't raising any funds right now? And, you

know, what is the state of the actual organization at this point? This is a long lease to give another five years with the five year extension, if there is if there are any issues. And so is there any indication that there are issues? Are they not raising money? Because I imagine if they raise 1000 bucks, they'd be coming as four or five for their 500? So, I'm just curious.

Mayor Gail

26:58

Yeah, well, I know they have recently sent out a request for donation. So I hope you will all join me in supporting the Friends of the Henn Mansion. They, I think as most as a lot of organization through the pandemic, really didn't want to ask people for money who were struggling, but they also themselves. The building was closed for much of that time because they weren't having group activities. But as I said earlier, they have re they're kind of reinvigorating themselves. They're looking for new board members, they still have some very active and dedicated board members, they have an active treasurer. So they do have, I don't know, they're a private 501C3, I don't know their bank balance, but they do have plans in the works. According to the newsletter to do several projects this year. They typically do a couple of fundraisers per year one is a kind of a, I don't want to call it a flea market, but it's called kind of a flea market in the in the mansion. And they've done wine tastings over the years, and they've received grants as well, so and the revenue from renting the facility, so because they weren't running the facility, there wasn't revenue coming in as well. So I don't think the fact that they haven't requested over the last several years is an indication, I think it's just was because of the pandemic.

Councilman Epps

28:22

Thank you. Has the building been heated throughout the winter over the last couple of years? That has been (Yes.) Right. I would like to see with just with everything going on, and there being so many transitions, some sort of what is the out-clause for us in this particular agreement, but to see a smaller just a smaller contract to keep the five year option in because by no means that we all know it is a beautiful building, Councilwoman Steele is right, we don't want to pull the rug out from underneath for Friends of the Henn. But at the same time, we want to make sure that we are protecting after we hear the history that you've laid out there for us tonight, that we are protecting this building. Is there. Do you know if they would be okay with a one year with that five year if something we can do just right now and then next year we could extend it for another five? Or is there a plausible out clause for us and the contract now?

Law Director Sweeney

29:12

Madam Chair to the Councilman, we always have out clauses on all our contracts. I'm pretty sure it's 60 days, but I'm not positive, but we always

have out clauses. So if it's not beneficial for either them or us, we certainly can get out of it.

Councilman Epps

29:25

Okay, and then the last question is, do we pay? You mentioned that we have events there as well within being a tenant actually paying rent, though it'd be only \$1 a month, but within paying rent, do we pay for the events when we have events?

Mayor Gail

29:36

Not for city activities? No.

Councilman Epps

29:38

Okay. All right. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

29:40

Any other questions? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic, second by Councilman Jarosz. All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll and the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

29:54

Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Mancuso, Yes. Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

30:06

Thank you. We will now go to the second **Committee of the Whole the public portion**. Anyone wishing to speak on issues for the good of the city?

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Resident Lou Melner

30:19

Okay. My name is Lou Melner. I live at 19711 Edgecliff Drive. I have two items. The first is thank you for purchasing these new hearing assisting devices. The old ones were staticky because they picked up stuff from the

LED lights. So I don't have to listen to the static. Thank you. Secondly, this was to the Director Knecht, what is the status of the median crosswalk area on Lakeshore Boulevard? It seems in the last six, nine months. It's been various stages of damage. And is it going to be repaired back to how it was? Or is there a new plan? Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

31:05

Thank you, Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

31:09

Madam Chair to the Resident. Yes, there has been damage sustained to that in several accidents. We had initially placed an order for the replacement of one of the pedestrian signals since then the other three have been hit. Those are on order. But we're getting a lead time of approximately six months from the vendors on those. (Thank you)

Resident – Garfield Daws

31:33

Good evening Madam Chair, how you doing? Miss Mayor. I got questions, I guess for the Chief. (Excuse me?) Oh, my name is Garfield Daws (and address.) My address is 2154 Waynoca, Euclid, Ohio. I got a question for I guess, the Chief about the ambulance is that ambulance, is the government owned or operated by the government? There's a question for you. Or is that a private organization that owns the ambulance.

Council President Mancuso

32:03

Sir. What I'm going to ask you is to ask all your questions. And then when you're finished, they will respond to them all. Okay.

Resident - Garfield

32:10

Okay, And now I guess the next one, is their the Friends up the Henn, do they have employees or is that just voluntary? So that's my question. I just gotten something else. My other question is basically, if there's a way that I could provide, I'm bringing over a billion dollars to Euclid city, who would have to talk to you about doing that as far as the business. I don't know if you guys are familiar with the ERC for our companies. But anybody that could get in touch with it, I could help all the businesses that are in the Euclid city.

Council President Mancuso

32:51

Thank you. I think we'll have you meet with somebody following this meeting. We will go to Chief first.

Fire Chief Haddock

32:58

Madam Chair to the resident, the ambulances are owned by the City of Euclid. So they're purchased through our general fund, except for one ambulance was purchased with Cares Act funding. And but they are property of the City of Euclid. Does that answer your question? And that didn't hear the second?

Mayor Gail

33:15

The other one was yeah, I can answer. The second one Friends of the Henn is mostly a volunteer organization. So the board are all volunteers. Many of the hosts for the when they have events, they are volunteer, they do have one part time staff who helps with the booking events, booking different dates for people to rent, rent the mansion. But for the most part, they're all volunteer. And then from the business standpoint, I'll introduce you to Director Grogan Meyers right here who can talk with you after the meeting about business opportunities here in the city. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

33:53

Yeah, thank you, sir.

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

33:56

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, 21970 Morris Avenue. Euclid Ohio. Good evening, Council. Mayor. Not to disrespect your city address tonight. But the live life is that the city administration Council feels taxation without representation. I came to the podium. I've asked you a couple questions. You receive federal money, correct? Why are we still being charged for street lighting? Most important part and this is actually to educate everybody to so you can continue your path as leaders of our future community. The next pet peeve is 22 years ago 1998, 1999, whose bright idea was to charge the surcharge and the wastewater fees that actually just accumulated? We didn't know what it was back then. Also, to the council, you will have an amended version of Cleveland's water rate. We need you to stand up and come back to this chambers, even though it's not your ordinance. Come back and voting. Because I don't think nobody here is standing up for the botched water building system. I'm working hard for decade got called out of order on this microphone and took it out of the city. Never been back since talking to get

observation since I've been at my current residence Had I saw previously, because I will periodically drive down the street prior to my buying process, I might not have purchased the home because of things that I am seeing on my street that are very disturbing. The number one thing that I'm seeing and experiencing, I have an 85 year old father, who was almost run over. And I was livid. My father came to visit he parked on the street, to get ready to get out of his truck to walk over to my driveway, I'm the corner house. The first section is only two houses. But I'll go back to the other part. it disturbed me because I noticed that people fly up and down the street all day long. Some days I work remote, some days I returned to the office. It is very disturbing. No matter what time of day or night, the traffic that is up and down the street. It's as if my street is the highway literally coming off a Richmond or 265. Coming to Brush, people are flooring it doing have to be doing over 50 miles per hour to get to the apartments in and it's very disturbing. So it bothered me. But once it hit home, and my father had to go back into his truck that disturbed me, because had he been hit, I know the person wouldn't have stopped, my father probably wouldn't be here that's disturbing. Something else is disturbing to me. I made a good investment in a property. And I take care of my property. And it's very disturbing to come down the street and see all the abandoned buildings and the trash and the glass. And the meetings on the end of the corner in the Huntington parking lot. And the parking lot across the street from there in the old Brush building parking lot where they meet and they hover and then they pull off and they zip down the road. I can't say for verbatim that I've seen any drugs transfer because that's just my assumption. But it's really ironic the timeframes that I see. And the empty lots. They just don't. It just doesn't make sense. So I'm assuming, but it doesn't make me comfortable. There are children that live on that street. I know for a fact children come from the the apartment complex this before my home. And there are some that go around the corner to 263, 263. Yeah, that's right. 263. Um, I have caught several times very disturbing. I did my homework to see where did my house fall in which Ward and it's very disturbing to me to place a phone call to a person who's supposed to represent my council, my ward and I can't get a response. Then I have to go up the chain of command and see who do I get to? I'm stopping officers. Hey, what do I do? I make phone calls. I'm catching secretaries. I did receive a phone call from the President. I don't know which one you are. But I do appreciate that you called me. But I would like something addressed as soon as possible on that street. I don't know. The only stop sign is at 263 and Brush it sits on the corner of the side street there is no stop sign I don't even know if a stop sign is going to be a real deal breaker honestly. My next step is to once it warms up a little bit start knocking on the doors of the people that live in the houses because I'm sure they have a disdain as well of the traffic and I don't want to decipher discriminate against anyone because I wouldn't want to be discriminated against either. However, there's a differential for those that are property owners versus just renting in an apartment. I feel the care is not the same because it's not theirs. They're not invested. They didn't you know it's just I pay my rent, and I'm okay let's go but I believe when you've had the opportunity to sacrifice and save, and put your downpayment down and you finally get that first house it's a it's a reward. It's a mental reward. It's I've accomplished something and I feel I'm being stripped of that as the first time

homebuyer in this city. Like I feel like maybe I should have chosen another city and I don't like that I am second guessed myself. (I need you to finish up.) Yes, ma'am. Okay, I'm sorry. Who am I speaking with (the Council President.) Okay, thank you. So if whoever you all need to discuss or police officers...

Council President Mancuso

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Let me let me go from this point on. (Okay.) You'd have a discussion. We have talked to Ms. Grida. (Okay), we are gonna get the, And you and I spoke about this, we are going to put the speed trailer down there as we discussed, okay. And we're going to start looking at, because in and around that area, the police have actually done some special attention, patrol cars and that you can actually watch some of this kind of stuff. We were getting, not necessarily on Brush, probably more on Tungsten. We were getting gunshots all the time. They actually went through they were getting complaints about it. They did do the special attention to it for about three, four weeks. And it's been like two and a half months. And now people are calling me saying it's so quiet. So we will get something done. (I appreciate that.) Very happy you're a homeowner here. And we will work with you.

Resident - Ms. Chapman

45:37

I appreciate that. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

45:41

Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will now go to compliments comments. And we begin with Councilwoman Hannum.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Hannum

Madam Chair, I have no comments tonight.

Council President Mancuso

Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

45:59

Thank you, Madam Chair. I too have no comments. I defer my time to the mayor for the State of the City address.

Council President Mancuso

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Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Also no comments for me tonight. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Madam Chair, thank you. I have no comments for tonight as well.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

46:21

Thank you, Madam Chair. I have some comments.

Council President Mancuso

46:24

Okay. Of course you do.

Councilman Tanner

46:28

I just wanted to say I do get frequent calls from residents. But one that really disturbs me is when I have the Euclid Police Department show up to a senior citizen home more than an ambulance. Something is wrong. And I don't think it's up to the Council, or sometimes of the city. Because we don't actually bring the tenants in. I'm thinking it's up to the rest of the property owners to make sure that the residents there that they're bringing to our fair city is correct. And therefore, they need to take more responsibility for that. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

called out of order. I learned my lesson. Like I paid the \$200 today, I learned my lesson. The main issue on that issue is who's gonna stand up here and let whoever runs for office use the ability, I think I was smart. But the ability of any resource in this city, isn't that what you're supposed to be here for? I'm just shaking my head. We'll be talking about that next six months. Because you started my Lyme life and hurting. I got a lot of talking to do. I've been in this community for years. One administration was listening the next one ain't. What's that tell me? Also not to start fighting, Employee slash contractor. Now, counsel, might not be back next week, next month. I'm around you got to budget hearings this year again and again and again and again and again and again and again. And again. I keep on asking for, you stealing the money. This ain't against you, you, you, you, you, you, you, you. I'm entitled to almost \$289,000 for public access, broadcasting. Where's the leaders to reach out to the school board? To keep that up? Why you have somebody who's educated from a school in Ohio that could be running these programs. There is no initiative. I learned that in high school and JROTC. There is none. You guys have a good night. But at the same time, people look at me, like I'm a criminal. You know, I'm very intelligent, but open a mouthpiece to some things. And I just hope that we don't have to proceed. How you gonna fix the problem? You know, those bills, those type of things that have never been voted on, should not be taxed. In the last note. The land, not the improvement. So you as a leader can take that initiative and write that up in Ms. Sweeney. We can send that to miss Chris Rohan. Sunny Simon. They don't think that they can affect our lives. Our lives about bills don't get it probably won't be working next year.

Council President Mancuso

38:57

Thank you. Do you want to go to the federal money? Why are we charging? We're getting federal grants. No, response, okay. And then the surcharge to the wastewater to Director Knecht? No response, Okay, all right. Give us your name and address please.

Resident - Ms. Chapman

39:26

Yes. Good evening. My name is Cannella Chapman would

Council President Mancuso

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upsh the green button. Is it green? Okay. Good evening. There you go.

Resident - Ms. Chapman

39:35

My name is Cannella Chapman. My address is 26293 Brush Avenue. In Euclid. I had this is the first time I've attended one of these meetings. I am new homeowner in this in this city. I took ownership in October. And just on

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Sir. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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I don't have any comments. I too defer to the Mayor for the State of the City.

Council President Mancuso

47:23

Thank you, Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

47:26

Madam Chair. I looked at some numbers that came out in the last couple of days, and writing communities across or in our area as well as across the country, and 44% above the national average in total crime in the city of Euclid. 34% above the national average in violent crimes 46% above the national average when it comes to personal property crimes. I want to start by saying what will not be said by anyone here tonight and that's the state of our city, despite signs of stability is pretty dangerous. Our mayor is our safety director and she is not directly responsible, but responsible for the state of lawlessness that has plagued our community. The streets of Euclid are not safe. Residents are fearful when traveling to and fro and if they are not they should be. People feel threatened by the community and filth. Their hands are tied. Police feel threatened by the community and feel their hands are tied in many respects when it comes to protecting and serving our city. In many ways our Police Department's fillings are justified as the county has not taken any significant action to change our current situation, nor support the municipal departments within such as ours here in Euclid, but also no significant actions have been taken by this administration to set us up for success either. What you may hear tonight is how often she's taken aggressive progressive, or how you may hear tonight is how she's taken aggressive progressive action to be sure that she's implemented body cameras for officers and how that's making residents feel more safe, and how that shows her commitment and connection to our community. When the reality is body worn cameras were introduced by me. And this administration did everything in its power to stop the purchase of those cameras, and only gave him when exposed in the news and subsequently supported the purchase but struck the mandate which would have taken away officers choice not to wear them doing nothing to protect our residents for what from what we all know is way too common and often unspoken, here and that's police misconduct. We have some really great officers here and you glue and I say that all the time. But all our officers are less safe today as a result of striking this mandate. And so as our community what you may hear tonight is that read is amazing. It has increased our collections by a lot. When the reality, reality is our delinquency

collections have decreased as Rita isn't sending notices as frequently or effectively as we have in the past. Another important factor that you did hear from the council president tonight, but it's very true. And that's that net profits are up across the country. And because of that the large companies that we have like Lincoln steel here and nuclear committed to excellence, we have seen an increase in the income tax in general, Rita has nothing to do with those increases. What you may hear tonight is that she's delivering nuclear Recreation Center, even though leaders and residents in his community, including myself, I recognize the dire need for one over a decade ago, and she has not supported the idea ever. But you may still hear this despite the fact that it's Council's decision to make and regardless of how stellar our rec department's leadership is, council has not yet made a decision to build a recreation center, which will spin and exhaust half of the ARPA funds given to us to stabilize Euclid. Let me also add that though this is something that I've been calling for, for years, I'm not sure how I'm going to vote when it comes time to support it. Because I can't get the real Mayor Gail's opinion out of my head. And that's how are we going to afford to operate the facility after it's been built. I keep picturing spending all this money destabilizing our community and having this big, beautiful facility at the end of the day, sitting empty for decades to come, simply because the wrong folks are empowered to manage it all. You may hear tonight, that development is Bowman and in many ways it is that actually is a fact, I just want to be clear that we give credit where credit's due. And that's to the market in general, and eucalypt being prime real estate and respect to that market. Now, one thing we do have here is an amazing planning and development department. And I feel it has capitalized where neaby and rises to the occasion every step of the way. And I applaud their work. Remove the politics of this administration and Mike and I imagine the possibilities of Euclid under their leadership. And closing, I want to remind you that the state of our city is dangerous. And we have the power to change that. But we got to be bold. And we've got to go big. Thank you. And I will defer the rest of my time as well to the mayor, after making sure that I asked this question this be tables that we talked about in council and we talked about for the past year, I believe we did put in the budget last year to purchase are we going to get those 10 tables out this was one of the target areas where we need to do that. Also when it comes to respect for cleanliness, they're in that area and I have talked to this woman I believe she is the one that I've spoken to via email. And we executed a cleanup back last summer because of the neighboring properties in that area. And Director Knecht, I believe it was, a no it wasn't you actually it was Joe and or Q in the housing department who said that they were going to go and remove all of that brush that's there behind where that carwash location is they told me multiple times via email and on the phone that that was going to happen. And that still has not happened yet either. I think that will do at least a step in the right direction and trying to clean up their energetic that she's taught me to finish. So if you could address that, too, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

52:45

Thank you, Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

52:48

Thank you, Madam Chair, we have ordered speed tables. They are not been in yet. They're not in yet. Speed radar signs, speed tables, and the plan for traffic safety is still coming. So that it's the thoughtful plan. Yet Keep Euclid Beautiful and the nuisance team have both done targeted efforts on Brush road and will continue and we of course would invite any resident who wants to get involved with that we find that residents being involved is the best way to improve that. So lots of activities and efforts around keeping the community clean. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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And the last question that you want to addressed.

Councilman Epps

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that would have asked the question (inaudible).

Mayor Gail

53:37

Oh, I'll have to check. I'm not sure. Okay, I'll try. Okay.

Council President Mancuso

53:47

Thank you. And I think I'm last.

Council President Mancuso

53:53

Oh, Jarosz. Oh, it does start with Kris. Sorry, Sir.

Councilman Jarosz

53:57

Thank you, Madam Chair. Before I defer my time to the Mayor, I just want to send, I'd be remiss if I didn't send our condolences to the family of Mr. Tom Shoen. Tom Shoen's lifelong Euclid resident passed away this this past week. Mr. Shoen, as I know, when he was a senior at St. Joe's led those football team as quarterback to an undefeated season, went on to the University of Notre Dame where he was an All American at the University of Notre Dame in 1967 and 1968. He was drafted by both the Cleveland Browns and the US Army. He, after a couple years in the Army had a chance to play for the Browns in 1970, came back, raised his family in Euclid, five kids, married over 55 years. Was also football coach at St. Joe's, Villa Angela-St. Joe's as

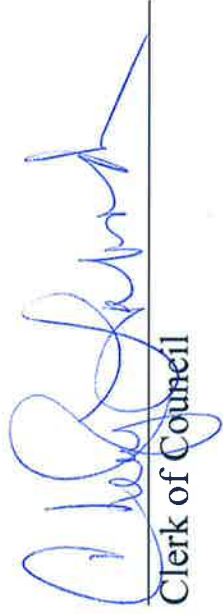
well as Athletic Director. Just, just a great guy and a great family. So I wanted to extend our condolences to the Shoen's. And with that I yield back the rest of my time. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. And I will also defer my time to the Mayor. And at this point in time, I'll take a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilman Tanner.
All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned.


Clerk of Council


Council President